

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2006, applicant elects Group I and claims 1-23 and 29 for further prosecution in this application. Claims 1-23 and 29 have now been amended, new claims 31-34 added, and non-elected claims 24-28 and 30 cancelled to advance the prosecution of this application. New claim 31 finds support in claim 3; claim 32 in claim 11; claim 33 in claim 14; and claim 34 in claim 1.

With regard to the requirement for an election of the number of stages, this is now moot because main claim 1 and claims 2, 4-5, 8-14, 19, 21-22, and 34 dependent therefrom require a two-stage process.

With regard to the requirement for an election of the tealeaves, applicant elects Cyclopia Intermedia.

With regard to the requirement for an election of the final step, applicant elects the step of claim 21 wherein the material is dried to form a sheet.

Examination of claims 1-14, 19-22, and 31-34 is requested.

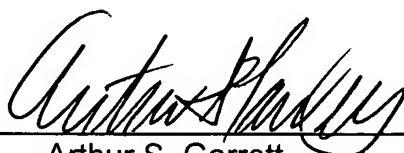
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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